

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Original) An antimicrobial composition comprising silver and at least one compound which interacts with a microbial cell wall to inhibit microbial silver resistance.

Claim 2. (Original) An antimicrobial composition according to claim 1, comprising at least two of said compounds which are inhibitors of microbial silver resistance.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the silver comprises metallic silver.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the silver is applied to a solid support material.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.01wt.% to about 5wt.% of silver, based on the dry weight of the composition.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 7, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.01wt.% to about 5wt.% of the one or more resistance inhibiting compounds, based on the dry weight of the composition.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, comprising a solid substrate material incorporating the silver and the one or more resistance inhibiting compounds.

Claim 10. (Original) An antimicrobial composition according to claim 9, wherein the substrate is a woven fabric, a knitted fabric, a nonwoven fabric, or a freeze-dried or solvent-dried sponge.

Claim 11. (Original) An antimicrobial composition according to claim 9, wherein the substrate comprises charcoal.

Claim 12. (Original) An antimicrobial composition according to claim 9, wherein the substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of oxidized regenerated cellulose, collagen, chitosan, alginates, and mixtures thereof

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, which is sterile and packaged in a microorganism-impermeable container.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A wound dressing comprising an antimicrobial composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 8.

Claim 15. (Original) A wound dressing according to claim 14, which is sterile and packaged in a microorganism-impermeable container.